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In re Patent Application of: **Ed Wilson** : Group Art Unit: **unknown**
Serial No.: **to be assigned** : Examiner: **unknown**
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For: **PROTECTIVE SLEEVE FOR AN INSTRUMENT STRING AND ITS METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

<u>U.S. Patent No.:</u>	<u>Patentee:</u>	<u>Issue Date:</u>
5,913,257	Schaller et al.	June 15, 1999
5,477,764	Carrico	December 26, 1995
5,465,643	Beeson	November 14, 1995
4,960,027	Dunwoodie	October 2, 1990
4,581,976	Ball	April 15, 1986

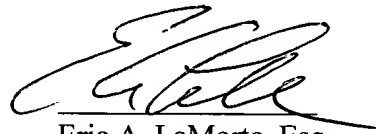
Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449.

The listed references relate to protective sleeves for instrument strings. The

relevance of these patents is discussed in the above-referenced patent application. References provided that are not cited in the application are cited for the purposes of background information only. The citation of these patents does not constitute an admission that these references are relevant or material to the claims; they are cited only as constituting the closest art of which the applicant is aware.

Respectfully submitted,

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